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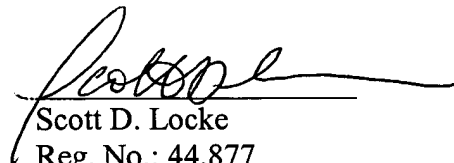
REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants note that in addition to claiming the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/268,718, which was filed on February 15, 2001, as described in the proposed amendment above, they also claim priority to German patent application serial number 101 05 624.9, which was filed on February 8, 2001.

Applicants submit that because this amendment is being filed concurrently with the patent application, no fee is necessary. If any fee is deemed necessary, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 11-0171.

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